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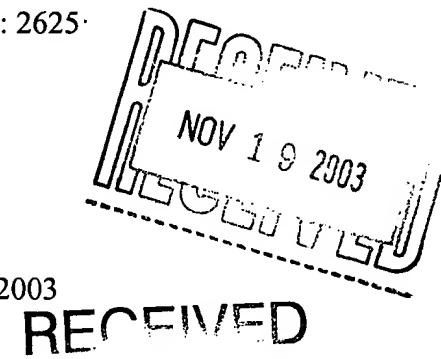
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LETTER REQUESTING APPROVAL TO AMEND THE DRAWINGS
AND SECOND SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

In accordance with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office procedures, enclosed are nine (9) sheets of corrected formal drawings (Replacement Sheets 2, 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 of 19) to be substituted for the corresponding sheets currently on file; also enclosed are nine (9) sheets of informal drawings (corresponding Annotated Marked-Up Drawings) including proposed formal amendments to Figures 2, 5, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 23 shown in red ink.

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As indicated by the changes in red ink, Applicants request approval to amend the drawings as follows:

IN FIGURE 2

Change "11" to --S11--; change "12" to --S12--; change "13" to --S13--; change "14" to --S14--; and change "15" to --S15--.

IN FIGURE 5

Change "21" to --S21--; and change "22" to --S22--.

IN FIGURE 7

Change "31" to --S31--.

IN FIGURE 10

Change "41" to --S41--; and change "42" to --S42--.

IN FIGURE 11

Change "OBTAINE" to --OBTAIN--.

Change "LIMINANCE" to --LUMINANCE--.

Change "51" to --S51--; change "52" to --S52--; change "53" to --S53--; change "54" to --S54--; change "55" to --S55--; and change "56" to --S56--.

IN FIGURE 13

Change "201" to --S201--; change "202" to --S202--; change "203" to --S203--;
change "204" to --S204--; change "205" to --S205-- ; and change "206" to --S206--.

IN FIGURE 14

Change "211" to --S211--; change "212" to --S212--; change "213" to --S213--; and
change "214" to --S214--.

IN FIGURE 16

Change "221" to --S221--; change "222" to --S222--; change "223" to --S223--;
change "224" to --S224--; change "225" to --S225--; change "226" to --S226--; and change "227"
to --S227--.

IN FIGURE 18

Change "231" to --S231--; change "232" to --S232--; change "233" to --S233--; and
change "234" to --S234--.

IN FIGURE 20

Change "301" to --S301--; change "302" to --S302--; change "303" to --S303--;
change "304" to --S304--; change "305" to --S305--; change "306" to --S306--; change "307" to
--S307--; change "308" to --S308--; change "309" to --S309--; and change "310" to --S310--.